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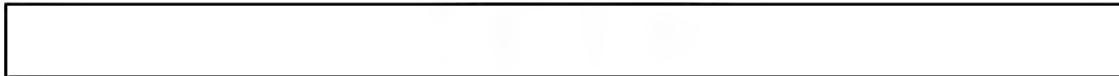
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UK-Malaysia: [London appears determined to resist what it regards to be Sukarno's expansionist policies.]

[The US Embassy in London reports that the British take Sukarno's threat to "crush Malaysia" at face value, and see in it the ultimate objective of eliminating all western bases in the area. London is now convinced that further concessions would encourage rather than deter Sukarno in pursuing his objectives. For this reason it also continues to have strong reservations about the wisdom of another tripartite meeting between the leaders of Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines.]

[In addition to its formal responsibilities under the UK-Malaysia defense agreement, the British Government feels a strong moral commitment to help Malaysia get a good start. It is therefore determined to counter Indonesian efforts to subvert the Borneo territories of Malaysia, and the embassy believes it will protect Malaysian shipping to the point of direct engagement with Indonesian naval vessels. Should Indonesia resort to overt military operations, London would probably encourage Malaysia to request the UN for a peacekeeping force in the area.]

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NOTES

UN Security Council Elections: For the first time since 1950 an Eastern European state--Czechoslovakia--stands a good chance of being elected to a full two-year term on the UN Security Council in the balloting which begins on 18 October. The Arab states strongly favor Czechoslovakia over Malaysia, the other candidate, and African states are increasingly influenced by the argument that Prague would be a stronger supporter of anti-colonial moves than Kuala Lumpur. Bolivia and the Ivory Coast are assured of election to the two uncontested vacancies on the Council.

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France-Iran: Prime Minister Alam expects De Gaulle to offer Iran economic assistance, primarily credits for the petro-chemical industry and electrification, during a four-day visit to Iran which begins today. Alam did not specify the amount of the credit.

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Panama: Foreign Minister Solis says that his government will, in the next few weeks, again request formal negotiations with the United States to revise the 1903 treaty covering the Canal Zone. With a presidential election set for next May, the Chiari government's raising of the Canal Zone problem at this time seems intended as an effort to keep the initiative away from its opponents on this highly emotional issue. Solis admitted as much by saying that the opening of negotiations would "keep the Panamanian public quiet."

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